

#### **Maintenance and improvement of Carlisle trails, trail access, and linkages among trails**

- Work with landowners and developers to preserve and protect public access to trails such as Old Morse Road.
- Utilize local volunteers to maintain and improve trails including constructing boardwalks where needed.
- Coordinate regional trail development with Bay Circuit Program and contiguous town trail committees.
- Continue to monitor development of the Bruce Freeman Regional Rail Trail and connect to it through easements.
- Work with the Acton Land Stewardship Committee to connect to their historic trails (Trails in Time).

#### **J. Carlisle Housing Authority Initiatives (two-year update)**

##### **Promote Responsible Land Stewardship.**

- Support the development of town-sponsored affordable housing, which protects the Town's rural character, while maximizing the number of affordable units, which may be applied toward the goals required by the Department of Housing and Community Development's Subsidized Housing Inventory.
- Support the development of a variety of housing opportunities for a range of income groups as outlined in the 2005 Affordable Housing Production Plan (AHPP) approved by the Carlisle Board of Selectmen and the Department of Housing and Community Development. The AHPP promotes design of site plans that specify site construction and low-impact development that promote energy conservation, use "green" building techniques, limit suburban sprawl, and minimize the effects on wildlife, vegetation, and water resources.

##### **Implement Land Stewardship.**

- Continue to support the development of the Carlisle Housing Authority's proposed plan for affordable housing for seniors on the town-owned Benfield Parcel A, which will be designed and managed by Neighborhood of Affordable Housing, Inc. (NOAH). This development will be located on 4.39 acres of the 45-acre Benfield parcel, will be two and one-half stories, and will provide 26 affordable units. This development will have significantly less effect than new single-family housing on wildlife, vegetation, and water resources. It will also minimize other environmental effects by using "green" technology and site design.
- Continue to support and oversee the development of the Housing Authority's component of the Affordable Accessory Apartment (AAA) program, thereby increasing affordable housing units while not changing the building footprint and minimizing disruption of wildlife and vegetation. (The AAA units create no additional effect due to building footprint because they are in existing houses.)
- Support the work of the Town of Carlisle's Affordable Housing Trust to encourage the donation of land for affordable housing. This initiative might include identifying the owners of large parcels and encouraging them to donate land for affordable housing and

include conservation restrictions, requiring unit design and site design that minimize the effect on wildlife, vegetation, and other natural resources, or both.

- Revise the 2005 Housing Production Plan. This state-mandated compliance document will expire in October 2010. It is being revised by the Housing Production Plan Committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen, with the direction and plan that the revised document receive Commonwealth (DHCD) approval before the current document expires.
- Consider the expansion of the Conservation Cluster bylaw to allow multi-family housing in return for minimizing the disruption of wildlife and vegetation.
- Consider changing the Zoning Bylaws to allow two-family homes to be created in houses built after 1962. Carlisle's AAA Bylaw details design constraints that minimize effects on the neighborhood, wildlife, vegetation, and other natural resources.